

**MERIDIAN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 505  
MINUTES OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

June 20, 2007

Chair Brian Evans called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board members present were Judy Boxx, Charlie Crabtree, Bryan Vander Yacht, Brian Evans, and Mary Mattison.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ADOPT AGENDA**

A motion to adopt the agenda was made by Mary Mattison and seconded by Brian Vander Yacht. Motion passed.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The board went into executive session at 6:30 p.m. to review personnel performance and a litigation matter.

The board returned to regular session at 7:20 p.m.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The following items on the consent agenda were approved on a motion by Judy Boxx and seconded by Mary Mattison.

- A. Minutes for May 16, 2007
- B. Accounts Payable/Payroll
- C. Budget Status Reports

**REPORTS**

- A. Principal's Reports

Mr. Shockley said school improvement plans will include work on improving WASL scores. He said staff is not content with the scores recently released to school districts. Mr. Shockley said some ideas are to work individually with students who have particular needs. He said Mr. Burpee will report on WASL scores at the July board meeting. Mrs. Jermunson thanked the school board and administration for their continued support this past year. She gave special recognition to Sally Van Zee and Jenny Baker Couch for their work with the AmeriCorp volunteers and to Elizabeth Sanchez for her work with the ELL population. Laurie Saling reported on the Secure Training she received last summer and said she has provided secure training in two of the district schools this past year. She said the three tenets of Secure Training are: meeting the needs of everyone, being respectful and safety. Glenn DePeralta and Jenny Baker Couch gave a demonstration on de-escalation. Mr. Flowers said they are looking seriously at MAP scores from fall to spring and said many students were not meeting their growth goal. He said staff will work with individual students next year to help bring scores up to the mid range. Mr. Flowers reported that Debi Britt's reading program for the fourth graders was very successful and that the fifth grade students will be involved in the program next year. Mr. Sanderson said fifth grade teacher

Jim Lissner shared information on the four square writing process with middle school teachers and along with six trait writing, it is another technique for students. He said 18 students are signed up for summer school and that the emphasis will be on math. Mr. Sanderson said he would like summer school to be part of the regular budget process for each year. The middle school band recently performed in a competition and earned a 2<sup>nd</sup> place for their division. He said the middle school won't have word on a math grant that was submitted to OSPI until sometime in August due to personnel changes, but that they should hear soon on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant that was submitted.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. *ASB Budget Challenges***

Tim Yeomans said he was present at a recent Booster Club meeting and said the Booster Club is aware of the ASB situation. He said he will be meeting soon with ASB secretary Patti Erickson and Mr. Shockley for further discussion.

### **B. *Budget Update***

Superintendent Dickerson gave an update on the 2007-2008 budget development. He presented a preliminary summary copy of the General Fund Budget and explained that the increase in budgeted FTE enrollment is due primarily to the Parent Partnership Program. He said that more adjustments will be made as not all details are available from the state at this time but that a balanced budget will be ready for board approval in July. Jean Calman was present to give additional information and answer questions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. *Highly Capable Program Application***

Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to approve the Highly Capable Program Application and Mary Mattison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **B. *Construction Careers Academy Instructional Materials***

The Construction Careers Academy Instructional Materials were approved on a motion by Bryan Vander Yacht and a second by Charlie Crabtree.

### **C. *Facility Lease for Meridian Parent Partnership Program***

Superintendent Dickerson said the facility lease with the Laurel Community Baptist Church includes an increase of \$500 which is due to the growth of the Parent Partnership Program. Charlie Crabtree made a motion to approve the facility lease for the Parent Partnership Program and Mary Mattison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **D. *Surplus Computer Equipment***

Mr. Dickerson said the district will hold a surplus sale on July 21<sup>st</sup> which will include computer parts. He said Apple Computer Company will pick up any unsold computer items at no cost to the district. Charlie Crabtree made a motion to approve the surplus sale and Mary Mattison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **E. *Personnel Report (includes athletic and non athletic salary schedules)***

The personnel report was approved on a motion by Mary Mattison and seconded by Judy Boxx. See attached.

### **F. *First Reading -- Policy regarding SPED High School Graduation Ceremony Options***

There was first reading of board policy regarding Special Education High School Graduation Ceremony Options. Mr. Dickerson said the policy allows for provisions for certain special education students to earn a Certificate of Attendance.

**G. *Timber Ridge Contract Extension for 2007-2008***

Mr. Dickerson gave information on the cost increase for Timber Ridge services for 2007-2008. Bryan Vander Yacht made a motion to approve the Timber Ridge contract for 2007-2008 and Charlie Crabtree seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**H. *WSSDA Conference Plans***

There was discussion regarding the annual WSSDA Conference and there was consensus that board members would attend the conference in Seattle in November.

**Board Signature of Official Documents**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Brian Evans adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

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Chair of the Board

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Burton Dickerson, Superintendent  
And Secretary to the Board